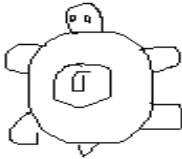**Materials/Equipment Needed:**
-8x 10 inch brown or earth-toned paper (brown construction paper works great)
-Earth tone crayons or Craypas (colors such as white, black, brown, tan, ochre, orange, brick etc….)

Lesson Procedure:
- Students will have a traditional Aboriginal story read to them (I like to use <u>Pheasant and the Kingfisher</u>, by Catherine Berndt and Raymond Meeks). Students will discuss story with teacher regarding content (How Aborigine stories try to explain natural occurrences, some are creation stories, and others contain symbols that are universal to many folktales and myths around the world.) It is also a good idea to have a world map handy to point out where North Carolina is and where Australia is.
- Students will then discuss with the teacher the style of art used in the book. What types of colors are used (earth tones because paints were made and mixed with pigments from the ground), what sort of patterns (dots, zigzags, etc.)
- The teacher will then guide the students in drawing a basic turtle shape, filling the whole paper.

- The teacher will then discuss different kinds of line and pattern, such as the dotted line, zigzag lines, etc., having students draw them on the board**.**
- Students will then fill in their turtles with their own different patterns and colors to create unique Aborigine-style turtles

Assessment:
 - Students will be assessed by the product they create, as well as, through informal discussions and oral questions posed to both class and individual (such as: How many different patterns have you used in your picture? Does your pattern repeat consistently? What is your pattern unit? It looks like you may have lost your pattern here- what do you need to add to fix the pattern? Why are we using earth tone colors? How are Aborigine stories like some of our own? How are they different? Etc.)
- Portfolios will also be kept on each student in order to monitor progress through out the year

Special Considerations:
- Students will want to color the whole turtle, rather than make patterns. It is best to have